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SUBJECT: REGULATIONS GOVERNING DISCHARGE OF WASTES FROM
RAILROAD CONVEYANCES

REF: STATE 52415

1. THE WASTE DISPOSAL AND PUBLIC CLEANSING LAW OF 1970
CONTAINS PROVISION READING QTE A PERSON WHO OPERATES
TRAIN, SHIP, OR AIRPLANE TRANSPORT SERVICE EQUIPPED
WITH TOILETS SHALL TREAT EXCRETA SO AS TO PREVENT DAMAGE
TO THE ENVIRONMNT UNQTE.

2. PROVISION DOES NOT SPECIFY ANY SANCTIONS AGAINST
VIOLATORS; IT IS SIMPLY A MORAL REGULATION WHICH
PROPRIETORS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ARE
EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY. THE JAPANESE NATIONAL RAILWAYS
CORP. (JNR) HAS MADE EFFORTS TO EQUIP ITS TRAINS WITH
TOILETS FITTED WITH HOLDING TANKS TO THE EXTENT THAT
BUDGET PERMITS. AS RESULT, ALL SHINKANSEN (NEW TRUNK
LINE) TRAINS AND LONG-DISTANCE LIMITED EXPRESS TRAINS
ARE NOW EQUIPPED WITH TOILETS OF THIS TYPE. WASTES
IN TANK ARE DISPOSED OF AFTER TRAINS RETURN TO THEIR
BASES. FEW SHORT-DISTANCE TRAINS HAVE TOILETS
WITH HOLDING TANKS INSTALLED. WASTES ARE DISCHARGED
DIRECTLY ONTO THE TRACKS. ON THESE TRAINS, THE CREW
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REQUESTS PASSENGERS TO NOT USE TOILETS WHEN TRAINS
ARE IN LONG TUNNELS, DENSELY POPULATED AREAS, OR
RAILWAY STATIONS. AT SAME TIME, PASSENGERS RE ASKED
NOT TO DISCARD TRASH FROM CAR WINDOWS.

3. JNR IS UNDER PRESSURE TO INSTALL TOILETS WITH
TANKS ON ITS TRAINS DUE TO INCREASING COMPLAINTS

LODGED NOT ONLY BY LOCAL INHABITANTS ALONG RAILWAY
TRACKS BUT ALSO BY JNR'S TRACKLAYERS.
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